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runs nearly east and west. The village surrounds the mine office and the company store, which are located a few hundred feet down the canyon from the double tunnel, which connects the two mines, one piercing each side of the canyon.

A report to the Victor-American Fuel company headquarters stated that seven or eight guards who went into the hills to meet the strikers, still were unaccounted for, and that the remaining guards fled, and then into the hills to search for them.

A call for help was sent to Ludlow and Hastings, and militiamen were rushed to Delagua. In the course of firing, the mine office and the company stores were pierced with bullets.

Greeks Take War Path.

At union headquarters, where a crowd of strikers and sympathizers jammed the ante room and the sidewalk waiting for news, it was stated that sixty Greeks had got into Delagua and were "taking the camp." They were supported, the reports from union headquarters stated, by about 700 hundred strikers in the hills. It was stated that these strikers had come to Ludlow from Agua Dulce.

Blames It On the Greeks.

John H. Lawson, Colorado member of the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America was in Trinidad today, after being on the scene of much of the fighting in the Ludlow district. He made the following statement regarding the events of the last three days:

"Last Sunday the Greeks in the Ludlow colony were celebrating their Easter. They had a ball game, and five militiamen with guns appeared and interfered with their sport. There was no fighting, however, at that time."

"On Monday morning Major Hammock sent Louis Ticas to demand the release of some of the men from the camp. Ticas went to meet Hammock and never returned. I am unable to say, of my own knowledge, just where or how he met his death. The fighting then began. I cannot say positively who fired the first shot, and I do not wish to tell anything of which I have not positive knowledge."

"It is my opinion that the first tents were set afire by explosive bullets. I know that ammunition, of that character has been used by the militiamen, for I have heard many of the bullets explode. It is my belief that soldiers entered the colony and booted many of the tents before the destruction by fire was complete. The story that ammunition was found in my tent was a deliberate lie. There never was any ammunition in my tent."

"I must decline to say where the strikers secured the guns they used in the fighting. I will say, however, that I am sorry they have not ten thousand times as many guns as they have. In that case I would tell them to use them to defend their homes, and I would go out with them."

"I was in the Ludlow district from 11 o'clock Monday morning until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon but I did not act as the leader of the strikers in the fighting. I did not fire a shot myself, in fact, I have not fired a single shot, even in practice, since the strike was called. Reporters have come to me—I am not stating this as a fact—that some parties are exploding dynamite in the holes under the ruins of the tent colony in order to destroy the evi-

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ence of the murder of women and children who lost their lives in the fire. I am positive that more non-combatants perished than will ever be known."

It was stated today that the under-takers party which started for Ludlow to bring back the bodies had been turned back. Plans were being made for a Red Cross expedition to bring the bodies.

One report indicated that the company men and the attackers at a point about a mile from the camp. The strikers drove the guards back after a clash at close range. The retreat of the guards enabled the strikers to reach the top of the hill directly above the camp, and according to a company report they were driven back four times by the guards and the militiamen.

The Victor-American report stated that the attackers set off dynamite just above the Japanese boarding house.

A report sent from Hastings by a representative of the militia said the strikers in the black hills two miles east of Ludlow fired on and turned back a party traveling on the road to Barnes.

The directors of the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce today sent the following telegram to Governor Ammons, now in Washington:

"State of insurrection and anarchy exists in Los Animas county. Life and property in imminent danger. Battle in progress near Ludlow. Several known dead non-combatants this morning. Strikers and sympathizers congregating in Trinidad and vicinity in large numbers and attack on Delagua and Hastings now in progress. Attack on Berwind expected momentarily. The situation in Trinidad very tense. If you are unable to give immediate and full protection we beg that you invoke federal aid. The depot in Lynn and the Guyana Mercantile company at Aguilar were robbed this morning of guns and ammunition. Conditions are bad and getting worse. Situation is desperate."

A message of similar import was sent to President Wilson.

Harry McAvoy, a private of Company H of the La Junta, was seriously wounded by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of another militiaman at the armory shortly before noon. McAvoy arrived here this morning and had just reported at the armory for duty. His left ankle was shattered by the shot.

PUEBLO GRAND JURY RETURNS BILL AGAINST DEAD STRIKE

Pueblo, Colo., April 22.—Orson Adams, former president of the defunct Mesa County National bank of Grand Junction was today indicted on counts charging fraudulent use of bank funds, in the federal grand jury here. The minimum penalty on each count is five years in prison.

The American Express company and C. L. Chase of Denver, its general agent in Colorado were indicted on charges by express.

Eight striking miners were indicted for an attack in post office in Higgins, Colo.

The indictments against Adams are for making false entries, misappropriating, misappropriating, and abstracting monies, funds and credits from the bank. The indictments against striking miners are echoes of the burning of the postoffice and tipple of the Southwestern mine near Aztec several months ago. The men indicted are Edward Hillas, Jack Harishard, M. Martinez, D. J. Jeffers, Charles Costa, K. G. Gemelli and D. Fugia, all of the Trinidad district.

Charles Costa, one of the indicted men, was killed in the Ludlow massacre.

NORTHERN COAL MINERS JOIN IN THE STRIKE

Colorado Springs, Colo., April 22.—Union coal miners employed in the mines north of Colorado Springs dropped their shovels today on hearing news of fighting in the southern Colorado coal fields. A union meeting was called immediately to consider going to the relief of the men at Ludlow. At noon no decision had been reached.

AMMOS HURRYING BACK TO STATE FROM WASHINGTON

Denver, April 22.—Lieutenant Governor S. B. Fitzgerald received a telegram today announcing that Governor E. M. Ammons would leave Washington late today for Colorado.

A private telegram received here stated that Governor Ammons had advised Fitzgerald to take the necessary steps to maintain the peace if it is said the governor was unable to give definite suggestions because reports received in Washington from the strike zone were conflicting.

No mention was made in the private telegram as to how Governor Ammons viewed the suggestion of a special session of the legislature contained in the message sent him late yesterday by the lieutenant governor.

LABOR WAR BRINGS FORTH COMMENT IN CONGRESS

Washington, April 22.—Labor troubles in the coal fields of southern Colorado, called forth comment in both senate and house today. Senator Thomas announced on the floor of the senate that Governor Ammons who has been in Washington would start for Denver today to take charge of the situation.

In view of the existing situation in the strike zone, the speaker of the house, Mr. B. B. Bishop, moved that a special session of the legislature be called to meet in Denver on May 10.

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